

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 9/9/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, ASM, 788-2932; Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a FY 2014-15 renewal contract with San Luis Coastal Unified School District in the amount not to exceed \$90,059 under which the County will provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the District's special education classes. Districts 2 & 3.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct Chairperson to sign a FY 2014-15 renewal contract with San Luis Coastal Unified School District (SLCUSD) in the amount not to exceed \$90,059 under which the County will provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the District's special education classes.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) School District, EPSDT, SELPA	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$90,059.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$90,059.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { X } Consent    { } Presentation                      { } Hearing (Time Est. ____ )    { } Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { } Resolutions    { X } Contracts    { } Ordinances    { } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A { } 4/5 Vote Required            { X } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { } N/A    Date: <u>08-13-2013</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 2  District 3			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director  
Anne Robin, LMFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 9/9/2014

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

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## **DISCUSSION**

Under Federal law, special education students who require educationally related mental health services in order to benefit from their education are entitled to receive mental health services as part of their right to a free appropriate public education.

Previously under California law, the local county mental health plans were mandated through Government Code 7570, also known as AB 3632, to provide educationally related mental health services. Effective October 8, 2010, responsibility to ensure special education students receive these services fell to local school districts and their local Special Education Local Planning Areas (SELPA), the State-designated regional entity responsible for overseeing and supporting the delivery of services to special education children. The County has a separate contract with San Luis Obispo SELPA, which your Board approved on July 8, 2014, to facilitate coordination and funding for all educationally related mental health services provided throughout all of San Luis Obispo County.

SLCUSD has requested the County continue to provide educationally related mental health services for their special education students. The contract facilitates a team approach with school staff and County staff to provide support and coordination to serve each child's needs as identified on their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Staff from County Behavioral Health and Family Care Network will provide individual therapy and rehabilitation, group and family therapy, case management and consultation services, and crisis intervention. Below is the team for the school district:

School	# County Mental Health Therapists	# Family Care Network Rehabilitation Specialists	# Classrooms Served	# Students Per Classroom	Total Students
San Luis Coastal USD	2	4	4	10	40

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to form and legal effect.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The FY 2014-15 Approved Budget includes the costs associated with providing educationally related mental health services to children with an eligible IEP. When the educationally related mental health services are provided, all appropriate payor sources, such as Medi-Cal, Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit, and

other Special Education funding are submitted for reimbursement. SELPA pays the match component as required by Medi-Cal and any unreimbursed cost associated with the service.

Since the school district is interested in having staff on-site the entire school day, each School District will provide reimbursement to the County for any unreimbursed costs that were not provided by SELPA for educationally related mental health services. This would equate to any time staff or contractor was present but did not provide a specific mental health service that is billable to Medi-Cal or third party payor. The potential reimbursement amount stipulated in the contract for FY 2014-15 is \$90,059.

## **RESULTS**

Behavioral Health staff, Family Care Network and the school district will be assessing current performance measures during the year to determine if more meaningful data can be collected and reported in the future. The maximum number of students (Target) for whom services may be provided during the year is 40, however, only those students eligible for services will be involved in the educationally related mental health services (ERMHS) classes.

<b>SLCUSD ERMHS Class Outputs and Outcomes</b>					
Year	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Target	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Target
Clients Served	35	27	40	33	40
# Medi-Cal/EPSDT Funded Clients	21	25	25	26	28
% Children Avoiding Out of Home Placement	69%	96%	95%	89%	95%
% Decrease in school suspensions or expulsions over previous year	100% *	41% **	20%	-22% ***	20%
% Children Avoiding Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization	83%	93%	100%	100%	100%

\*FY 2011-12 was the first year for this contract. 63% of participating students avoided suspension or expulsion.

\*\* FY 2012-13 89% of participating students avoided suspension or expulsion.

\*\*\* FY 2013-14 73% of participating students avoided suspension or expulsion.

The primary goal of the collaborative efforts is to help children remain in their homes and the community, while receiving the most appropriate education. The educationally related mental health services provided under this contract and those provided by SELPA are part of a larger continuum of care that aims to improve the quality of life of those served. Providing the most appropriate services to the clients increases the probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. SLCUSD FY 14-15 ERMHS Class Contract Renewal